staff and for lack of proper planning of International routes; and

(c) if so, what is the justification to purchase new aircrafts in the name of VVIPs ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Productivity bonus to travel agents by AI**

2545. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Travel agents are given some productivity bonus by Air India apart from the 9% commission on sale of tickets as allowed by IATA;

(b) if so, what is the procedure of giving productivity Bonus to travel agents ;

(c) how much amount has been given separately to different travel agents as productivity bonus in 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some travel agents who did more business were not given productivity bonus while other who has done less business were given productivity bonus ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Travel agents who meet the growth related parameters fixed by Air-India, on the basis of the commitments given by them at the beginning of the financial year, are given productivity linked bonus.

(c) Details of the productivity linked bonus paid to various agents in India is annexed. [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure 59]

(d) Productivity bonus has not been paid to whose agents who did not achieve the agreed levels of productivity.

**Use of aircraft by Modi Luft**

2546. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Modi Luft has brought an additional aircraft without the prior permission of Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism as standby aircraft for its flying operations ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this stand by aircraft is being used by Modi Luft for its regular flying operations: and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the said airlines by Director General of Civil Aviation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Initially M/s Modiluft was allowed to import one stand by aircraft to be used temporarily as its other aircraft were on mandatory maintenance check. On the request of the operator, the standby aircraft was allowed to be endorsed in their regular fleet.

(c) Does not arise.

**Instruction to release advertisements in Indian Language Newspapers**

2547. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION ND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has instructed AI, IA, ITDC, HCI and other departments to release 50% advertisements to Indian Language Newspaers;

(b) if so, whether the instruction has been followed by the said department; and

(c) if not, what is the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism have been asked to release 50% of their advertisements in English and the balance in Hindi, Urdu and other regional Languages.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Restrictions on passengers services of Air Taxi Operators**

2548. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are bringing about restrictions on the passenger's services of the Private Air Taxi Operators instead of competing with them ;